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news.duke.edu!eff!news.kei.com!ssd.intel.com!chnews!cmoore@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: "73's"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Robin Ludlow (as041@FreeNet.Carleton.CA) wrote:

: If you want to say: <There were a lot of 73s being bandied around>, then
: add the <s>. There is absolutely no reason for the apostrophe.
: It is not possessive (singular or plural), and it is not a contraction.
: Robin Ludlow, VE3YE

Hi Robin, Once more from the dictionary... apostrophe - a mark ' used to indicate the ... plural of letters or figures (numbers)... as in no if's, and's, or but's.

73's, KG7BK, 00TC, CecilMoore@delphi.com

Date: 14 Jun 1994 16:53:15 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!
uhog.mit.edu!news.kei.com!ssd.intel.com!chnews!cmoore@network.ucsd.edu
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: Mike

73 is a code less than 1% of the time... sheep, sheep; that's a couple of
sheep's (refering to the word "sheep" rather than the animal "sheep").
Sheeps appears in your posting. There are 73 characters in one line of your
posting. There *are* a lot of 73's in this posting and I agree with another
poster that this subject is too boring to continue.

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From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Just got around to reading a posting from Info-Hams that I
had stored back in March and read a delightful message
posted by "Greg" entitled "Tickling the Ether". The date of
the posting was Tuesday, 15 March 1994, at 15:37:23.

I'd like to send "Greg" a message but can't decipher his
e-mail address from the long stream at the "From" line. Can
someone help me? My e-mail address is:

knoxr@cc.tacom.army.mil

Thanks and 73!

Richard L. Knox
KD4BRL

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 15:43:55 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.msfc.nasa.gov!
niven.ksc.nasa.gov!algol.ksc.nasa.gov!k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov!user@network.ucsd.edu
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In article <2tjc50\$7dj@ionews.io.org>, mike@io.org (Mike Stramba) wrote:
> Would the transmitter be generating strong enough harmonics that the signal
> is being sent on every UHF channel ?

Mike-

It's more likely that your TV is receiving signals at an intermediate
frequency.

73, Fred, K4DII

Date: 14 Jun 1994 13:08:04 -0400
From: newstf01.crl.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Beware of RADIOKIT kits (IMHO)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2tgfh6\$o88@crl2.crl.com>, jeffj@crl.com (Jeff Jones)
writes:

About complaints with poor quality and missing parts with kits sold
by Radiokit.

Kit builders should take a look at all the new kits being produced by
TenTec. Ten Tec is well known for the best customer service and very
high quality radios. No reason why the kits would not be the same
high quality.

Duffy de WB8NUT

Date: 14 Jun 1994 17:40:45 GMT

From: butch!rapnet.sanders.lockheed.com!deacon.sanders.lockheed.com!
chappell@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Beware of RADIOKIT kits (IMHO)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2tg8e9\$1k5@hobbes.cc.uga.edu> mcovingt@aisun1.ai.uga.edu (Michael Covington) writes:

>From: mcovingt@aisun1.ai.uga.edu (Michael Covington)
>Subject: Re: Beware of RADIOKIT kits (IMHO)
>Date: 13 Jun 1994 00:15:05 GMT

>That is unfortunate. Radiokit has been around for quite a few years;
>surely they wouldn't have lasted that long if that kind of performance
>were the norm.

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>< Michael A. Covington, Assc Rsch Scientist, Artificial Intelligence Center >
>< The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7415 USA mcovingt@ai.uga.edu >
>< Unless specifically indicated, I am not speaking for the University. > <><
>For information about any U.Ga. graduate program, email gradadm@uga.cc.uga.edu.

Not going to mention any callsigns or names but RadioKit was founded by a very nice couple who are well known in amateur circles in NE and all over. They no longer own it and the present owner does not seem to be interested in providing the level of service and quality that was originally there under the earlier mangement. In fact the previous owners are disappointed with how things are being presently handled. Thats all I will say except this should be a wake-up call to the present owner.

Joel - KC1SG

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Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 19:41:01 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!wotan.compaq.com!
twisto.eng.hou.compaq.com!news@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Ford Explorer and TS-50 Noise
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>I recently acquired a Kenwood TS-50 for mobile HF and installed it in my
>1992 Ford Explorer. With the key in the Accessory position (all electronics
>fired up but engine not running), the noise on HF is S9 or better across
>all bands, but most accute on 17 and 20m. Anyone out there in netland
>solved this problem already???

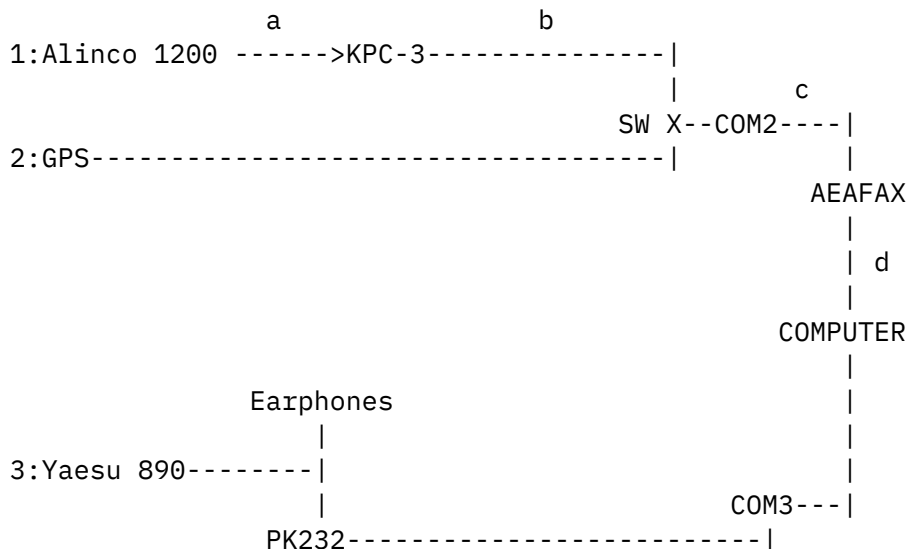
Not much of a description here Craig, but if you haven't tried running
the power cables directly to the battery and putting a ferrite core on
them I would do that first. Be careful of running the power cables over
any control modules in wire harnesses where it could pickup noise
from the control modules. Moving the rig if you discover it is near a control
module will be beneficial also.

Good Luck.

Earl Morse
KZ8E
kz8e@bangate.compaq.com

Date: 14 Jun 94 19:08:44 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Help!Packet everywhere!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Sorry for attention grabbing title, but I'm confused. I have the following:



4:Yaesu 736-----|

The Alinco / KPC3 is kept on 24 hrs/day, on the local packet freq. What I have noticed is that packets received on the Alinco can be heard clearly on the 890 earphones, show up on the COM3 terminal pgm monitoring the PK232; they can be heard clearly by others when I transmit on the 736, and they cause gibberish to show up on the terminal program monitoring the GPS. They also cause interference on the AEAFAFAX reception. I have tried disconnecting lines at "a", "b", "c", and "d". Disconnecting at "a" eliminates the problem, but I need that connected. Disconnecting at either "b", "c", or "d" reduces the interference by about 1/2, but does not eliminate it. Removing the AEAFAFAX does not help, nor does bypassing the switch and eliminating the line to the GPS, nor does removing the line to the 736, when monitoring the problem at the earphones or at the GPS. Disconnecting the line from the pk232 to the 890 Earphone "Y" eliminates the problem at the earphones, but not at the other problem areas. The 890, 1200 and pk232 share a common power supply (grounded), but the KPC3 and the GPS use a floating battery eliminator type power supplies, and the 736 is AC line powered. I originally had the 1200 running on batteries with little difference. I have tried running case grounds between the 1200 and the KPC-3, and also between the KPC3 and the common power supply ground, with no effect. I have had previous problems with the power circuitry in the 1200 and with the rs232 line drivers in the pk232, but everything seems to be working OK other than this problem now. I had thought that I had some sort of a ground loop problem, but I am beginning to believe that it is more serious. Any ideas where to start looking for the problem. Basically every one of these devices work fine if they are the only thing connected, but when hooked up together I have problems. Note: the interfering packets are packets being received, not packets being transmitted.

Thanks in advance for any help.

73 de BJ N3JLQ

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news.ess.harris.com!news@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: HELP Trying to locate WB4LUR (Lewis Ott)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My first amateur radio contact was on July 1969 nearly 25 years ago. It was with WN4LUR, Lewis Ott. I have tried to contact him using his callbook address (He is WB4LUR now). The mail was returned with

the notice "FORWARDING HAS EXPIRED".

His address as of 11/2/84 was Bluff City, Tennessee.

If anyone knows of his whereabouts I'd like the information so that I can contact him via mail.

Thanks in advance for any help.

Harv
WB4NPL
jhobson@su19f.ess.harris.com

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 12:09:47 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!EU.net!relay.puug.pt!
news.inesc.pt!animal.inescn.pt!ciup2.ncc.up.pt!news.ci.ua.pt!
etjfonte@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: LOOKING FOR CLUB STATIONS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi ,tnx for all the mails u have sent me . I'm very glad to see that they are many fellow ham-students...I think that it's time to create a NET with the main goal of exchange ideas , a HF dx Net would be nice to start.The problem righth now are the exams ... but when they finnish we will post again and make a sked for all ...

My best regards to all , and good luck on your exams (same to me !)

best 73's keep the dx'ing

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Vai-se de fracasso em fracasso ate' ao exito final.

Charles F. Keitering

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 14:28:13 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!netcom2!
faunt@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Morse Code trainers
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I've been using a Morse Code trainer that I bought from Brian Jordan, G4EWJ. It has a 1 character display, so the characters can be replayed on the display for checking, as well as audibly. It's a kit, and is designed to be used without a package, so it's a bit inconvenient for carrying around. I built mine with the display board in the same plane as the main board, and carry it in a plastic box that holds the trainer and a small pair of earphones, also. It is oriented towards the UK license test, so it does auto delay up to 12WPM, although it'll go much faster, and you can get it to do Farnsworth code for 13 or even 20 WPM. It has very good tone and volume.

I also have an MFJ, and there seems to be clicks in the headphones. My Pocket Morse Code Trainer came with a single earphone, and set up for a mono earphone. The jack is a stereo jack, so I'm going to add the appropriate wire, and see how it sounds with better headphones.

Other training devices I know about are the Datong box, and "Uncle Albert's Unique Keyer" from the January 94 QST. AEA makes the MM3, I think that also seems to be useful for code practice and I'm sure there are others. The G4EWJ unit, and "Uncle Albert's" have provision for learning to send properly. Do any others?

73, doug
(working on 13WPM)

Date: 14 Jun 1994 11:21:42 -0500
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!news.uh.edu!uuneo.neosoft.com!sugar.NeoSoft.COM!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Poor Man's UHF Transmitter Combiner?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <jra.180.000E0A4D@lawdept.daytonoh.ncr.com>,
John Ackermann <jra@lawdept.daytonOH.ncr.com> wrote:

>Assuming that we can put the new repeater on a channel close enough to be
>within the duplexer's passband, we need to come up with a way to inexpensively
>combine two 35 watt UHF transmitters.

You could also pick a frequency that's over 1 MHz away from the opposing transmitter and combine them with notch cavities and circulators. The method you've described could be done easily. Wilkinson power dividers and isolators (make sure you use two isolators per port) will do quite nicely. Measure the heck out of it after you put it together to make sure there are no intermod problems. This is essentially how the commercial guys do it.

I've successfully combined two duplex stations on a single antenna, but one

was 440 MHz and the other was 420 MHz. It was actually pretty simple. If you're interested, I'll drop you a copy of the diagram on it.

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Jim Reese, WD5IYT | "Real Texans don't let the truth get in
jreese@sugar.neosoft.com | the way of a good story."

Date: 14 Jun 94 18:12:06 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: REJECTED: Info-Hams Digest V94 #661
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!
netcom.com!netcomsv!lavc!pat.oconnell@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: (NONE)
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N>From: wylz@meceng.coe.neu.EDU (Scott Ehrlich)
N>Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc
N>Subject: (none)
N>Date: 12 Jun 94 02:36:22 GMT
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Subject: ** QUESTION TO HTX-2
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

N>From: ray.wade@michaelr.com (Ray Wade)
N>Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc
N>Subject: Re: ** QUESTION TO HTX-20
N>Date: Sun, 12 Jun 1994 18:10:00 GMT
N>Organization: TRO BBS

N> * OFFLINE 1.56 * If I throw a cat out the car window, is it kitty
N>litter?

At what speed are they talking about? The higher the mph. the higher the
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EW NEWS
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2ti78m\$q4l@abyss.West.Sun.COM>, <2tj6rp\$7mi@ccnet.ccnet.com>,
<2tjr8j\$kbtt@proffa.cc.tut.fi>
Subject : Re: Microwave bands

I have had two 1.2 GHz repeaters in operation for an number of years, one for
over three years, the other for over 2 years.

When I first put them up, a lot of people were saying that it would not work.

Well 3+ years later, they do work. When compaired to 70cm (440MHz) repeaters
at the same repeater site the 1.2 GHz repeaters work about the same. There
are differences. Sometimes the 70cm repeater has better coverage, but also
sometimes the 1.2 GHz repeater has better coverage!

The biggest problem with moving up to the microwave bands is that they require
more care. Using crapy coax, bad connectors, etc just will not work. In
checking out alot of the repeaters in the Bay Area, it is pretty clear that
many of these folks would have no success with any of the microwave bands.
They can barely keep the 2M/70cm repeaters working.

Some of the Hams in the Bay Area are starting to experiment with 2.4 GHz. Fun stuff!

Bottom line... If you have not tried it, try it! There is life above 1GHz!
You will be surprised!

Phil
de kj6nn

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References <n1gakCr7o8y.F0q@netcom.com>, <2tct8t\$4jp@cat.cis.Brown.EDU>,
<RFM.94Jun13141144@urth.eng.sun.com>
Subject : Re: VHF Maritime Outrage!!

The one thing I find so amusing about this thread is that all of the people who are arguing that \$7/yr is too much are forgetting one simple thing: IT'S ONLY IF YOU WANT A VANITY CALLSIGN!!! If you don't want to pay \$7/yr, FINE! Keep the callsign the FCC issued you and shut up. \$7/yr to pick your own call is still a very reasonable amount of money, and if you don't want to pay it, you don't have to.

-j

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Jon Anhold N8USK - PGP Key available on request - (jga@dreaml.wariat.org)
Dreamland Network Systems Cleveland, Ohio
"Where you come from is gone.. Where you thought you were going to was never there, and where you are ain't no good unless you can get away from it."

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